

ARTICLE 8. MODEL PLAN AMENDMENTS

Rule 1. Adoption of IRS Model Amendment to Comply with the Unemployment Compensation Amendments of 1992

35 IAC 8-1-1 Definitions

Authority: IC 2-3.5-3-4; IC 5-10.3-3-8; IC 5-10.3-11-2; IC 33-13-8-25; IC 33-14-9-10; IC 36-8-8-5

Affected: IC 2-3.5; IC 5-10-5.5; IC 5-10.3; IC 33-13-8; IC 33-14-9; IC 36-8

Sec. 1. (a) The definitions in this section apply throughout this article.

(b) "Board of trustees" means the board of trustees of the public employees' retirement fund.

(c) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 1 et seq., and all amendments related thereto.

(d) An "eligible rollover distribution" is any distribution of all or any taxable portion of the benefit to the credit of a member or a member's spouse, except that an eligible rollover distribution does not include the following:

(1) Any distribution that is one (1) of a series of substantially equal periodic payments, paid not less frequently than annually, made for the life or life expectancy of the member and the member's designated beneficiary.

(2) Any distribution that is one (1) of a series of substantially equal periodic payments for a specified period of ten (10) years or more.

(3) Any distribution to the extent such distribution is required under Section 401(a)(9) of the Code.

(4) The portion of any distribution that is not includable in gross income.

(e) "Fund" or "funds" means the legislators' retirement system, public employees' retirement fund, state excise police and conservation officers' retirement plan, judges' retirement fund, 1977 fund, and funds funded through the pension relief fund.

(f) "IRS" means the Internal Revenue Service.

(g) "UCA" refers to the federal Unemployment Compensation Amendments of 1992, P.L.102-318, and all applicable regulations and amendments related thereto. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 8-1-1; filed Mar 23, 1995, 3:00 p.m.: 18 IR 1992; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:21 p.m.: 25 IR 898*)

35 IAC 8-1-2 Introduction

Authority: IC 2-3.5-3-4; IC 5-10.3-3-8; IC 5-10.3-11-2; IC 33-13-8-25; IC 33-14-9-10; IC 36-8-8-5

Affected: IC 2-3.5; IC 5-10-5.5; IC 5-10.3; IC 33-13-8; IC 33-14-9; IC 36-8

Sec. 2. (a) The UCA was signed into law on July 3, 1992. The UCA expanded the permanent federal-state extended unemployment benefits program and extended the existing emergency unemployment insurance program. The sources of financing for the UCA benefit extensions include provisions affecting distributions from tax-qualified pension plans such as the funds. The provisions in this article apply to distributions made after December 31, 1992, and include the following:

(1) Changes in the rules applicable to rollovers from tax-qualified plans.

(2) A provision that requires such plans to give participants entitled to a distribution eligible for rollover treatment the option to have that amount paid directly (direct rollover) to a qualified defined contribution plan, an individual retirement account or annuity, or a similar plan specified by the participant.

(3) Changes in the withholding taxes applicable to distributions from such plans.

(b) The funds do not accept rollover contributions from other retirement plans. However, the funds permit rollover contributions to be paid directly to other retirement plans under certain circumstances. Accordingly, the rules governing the funds need to be amended to conform to the direct rollover requirements under the UCA to allow such rollovers at the member's or member's spouse's election.

(c) 35 IAC 8-2 includes the model language set forth in Revenue Procedure 93-12, issued December 30, 1992, to amend the fund to comply with the requirements of Section 401(a)(31) of the Code. 35 IAC 8-2 reflects the Model Amendment drafted by the IRS. The board of trustees recognizes that some provisions included in the model amendment language are not applicable to a governmental plan as defined in Section 414(d) of the Code. As a result, those provisions that are not applicable to a governmental plan will not be applied by the board of trustees. Any local board may elect to use a different compliance mechanism should they decide, through adoption of appropriate bylaws, pursuant to IC 36-8-6-2(g)(5), IC 36-8-7-3(c), or IC 36-8-7.5-2(g)(5). (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 8-1-2; filed Mar 23, 1995, 3:00 p.m.: 18 IR 1992; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:21 p.m.: 25 IR 898*)

35 IAC 8-1-3 Purpose

Authority: IC 2-3.5-3-4; IC 5-10.3-3-8; IC 5-10.3-11-2; IC 33-13-8-25; IC 33-14-9-10; IC 36-8-8-5

Affected: IC 2-3.5; IC 5-10-5.5; IC 5-10.3; IC 33-13-8; IC 33-14-9; IC 36-8

Sec. 3. (a) The purpose of this rule is to comply with the UCA to the extent required by Section 401(a)(31) of the Code.

(b) A member of the fund may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the board of trustees, to have all or a portion of an eligible rollover distribution paid directly to another eligible retirement plan as specified by the member.

(c) A surviving spouse who is entitled to receive an eligible rollover distribution may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the board of trustees, to have all or a portion of an eligible distribution paid directly to an individual retirement account or annuity as specified by the spouse. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 8-1-3; filed Mar 23, 1995, 3:00 p.m.: 18 IR 1993; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:21 p.m.: 25 IR 898*)

Rule 2. Model Amendment Language

35 IAC 8-2-1 Model amendment language

Authority: IC 2-3.5-3-4; IC 5-10.3-3-8; IC 5-10.3-11-2; IC 33-13-8-25; IC 33-14-9-10; IC 36-8-8-5

Affected: IC 2-3.5; IC 5-10-5.5; IC 5-10.3; IC 33-13-8; IC 33-14-9; IC 36-8

Sec. 1. (a) This rule applies to distributions made on or after January 1, 1993. Notwithstanding any provision of the plan to the contrary that would otherwise limit a distributee's election under this rule, a distributee may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the plan administrator, to have any portion of an eligible rollover distribution paid directly to an eligible retirement plan specified by the distributee in a direct rollover.

(b) Definitions.

(1) Eligible rollover distribution: An eligible rollover distribution is any distribution of all or any portion of the balance to the credit of the distributee, except that an eligible rollover distribution does not include: any distribution that is one (1) of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (not less frequently than annually) made for the life (or life expectancy) of the distributee or the joint lives (or joint life expectancies) of the distributee and the distributee's designated beneficiary, or for a specified period of ten (10) years or more; any distribution to the extent such distribution is required under Section 401(a)(9) of the Code; and the portion of any distribution that is not includible in gross income (determined without regard to the exclusion for net unrealized appreciation with respect to employer securities).

(2) Eligible retirement plan: An eligible retirement plan is an individual retirement account described in Section 408(a) of the Code, an individual retirement annuity described in Section 408(b) of the Code, an annuity plan described in Section 403(a) of the Code, or a qualified trust described in Section 401(a) of the Code, that accepts the distributee's eligible rollover distribution. However, in the case of an eligible rollover distribution to the surviving spouse, an eligible retirement plan is an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity.

(3) Distributee: A distributee includes an employee or former employee. In addition, the employee's or former employee's surviving spouse and the employee's or former employee's spouse or former spouse who is the alternate payee under a qualified domestic relations order, as defined in Section 414(p) of the Code, are distributees with regard to the interest of the spouse or former spouse.

(4) Direct rollover: A direct rollover is a payment by the plan to the eligible retirement plan specified by the distributee.

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